

**John S. Thackrah**  
**Principal Deputy, Strategic Systems Programs**

John S. Thackrah reported to Strategic Systems Programs as the Principal Deputy on December 8th, 2008.

Previously he served as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) from November 16th, 2007 to July 28th 2008, in addition to performing his regular duties as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Management and Budget). In this capacity he was responsible for over \$50B annually of research, development and acquisition activities and over 100,000 people. Mr. Thackrah was

sworn in as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget on April 18, 2005. In this position he was responsible to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) for all administrative matters, annual budget preparation and human resource management. He also served as the Chief of Staff to the ASN.



Prior to joining Government Service, Mr. Thackrah was a Senior Executive at United Technologies Corporation. He started his career in 1979 at the Pratt & Whitney Division of UTC where he served in areas of project and test engineering, followed by program management and model management. After serving in commercial flight test activities and as a General Manager of a Joint Venture start up for Pratt, he held increasingly responsible positions to ultimately serve as the Vice President of all Commercial Products. He then served as Vice President of Engineering for the Otis Elevator division of UTC and then upon returning to Pratt, he served as Vice President of Aftermarket Services and then VP/GM for one of Pratt's strategic business units.

Mr. Thackrah has a Masters of Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Degree from the University of Delaware.